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**For: Self-Emptying Bailer**  
**Our Reference No.: 1053.31**

**Art Unit : 3753**  
**Examiner: Unassigned**  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Notice to File Corrected Application Papers – (1 page);
2. Supplemental Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application – (2 pages);
3. Substitute Specification in accordance with 37 CFR 1.52(b) – (7 pages); and
4. Self-addressed and postage pre-paid post card to serve as a receipt for items 1-3.

Very respectfully,

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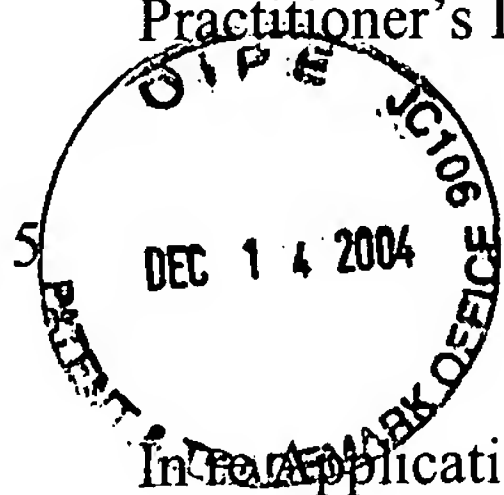
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF**  
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed **October 14, 2004**, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire **December 14, 2004**, applicant responds as follows:

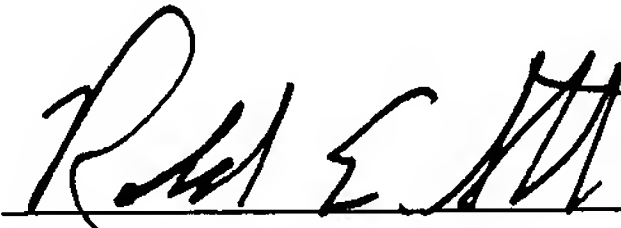
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Applicant submits a substitute specification herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125. The line spacing on the specification, claims, or abstract has been modified to 1½ in accordance with 37 CFR 1.52(b).

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that the above response is completely responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed October 14, 2004.

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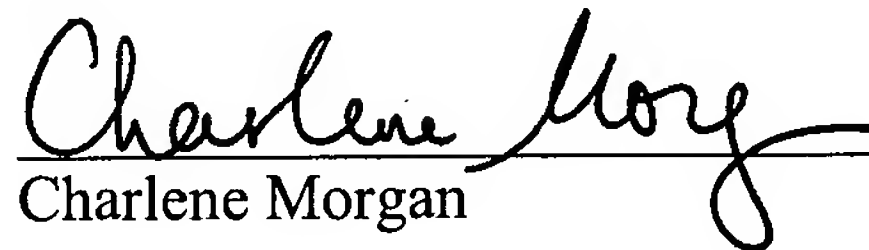
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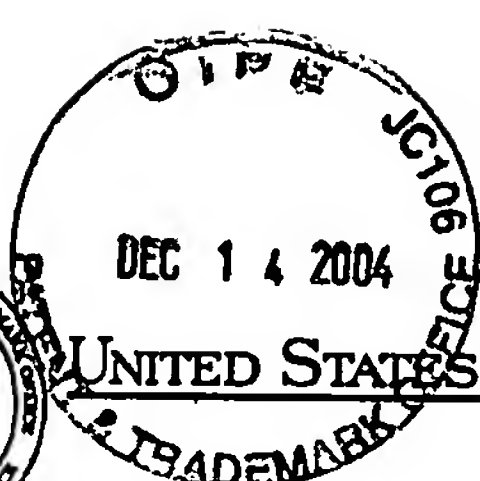
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**NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125, is required. The specification, claims, or abstract page(s) submitted is not acceptable and cannot be scanned or properly stored because:
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